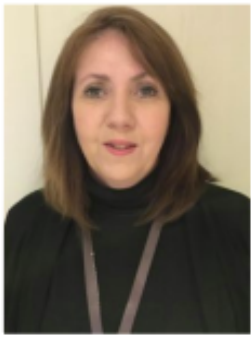




May 2024

NEWSLETTER



Well, I think we can safely say that this half term has been a pretty successful one with our great Ofsted outcome. The report truly captures what's integral to the school and how we ensure all our outcomes for children are exceptional.

As previously mentioned to you, our outstanding judgement comes as a result of having such a skilled, committed and dedicated team at Galmpton. Every child is precious to us and we will do everything we can to ensure their academic, social and emotional wellbeing. Our ACE curriculum, with its emphasis on so much more than just academic excellence is undoubtedly making a difference for children and ensures that all pupils are becoming very successful learners and caring individuals.

I want, once again, to thank you for your unwavering support and for providing us with the most wonderful children to teach. We know how lucky we are! Thanks for all your lovely messages.

It's hard to believe we are going into our last half term of the year. It's always a busy and enjoyable one, but one that is filled with a little bit of sadness as we say goodbye to our Y6's. We'll also be saying goodbye to Mrs Hartley and Mrs Paskin as they move on to their new roles - more about that in the last newsletter of the year in July.

We've recently made two new appointments to Galmpton; Mr D'Cruz, completed his post graduate teacher training placement with us and we're delighted that he will be joining the Galmpton team in September. We have also appointed Karen Hooper to our reception team and are so pleased that she will also be joining us in September.

Please do read all of this newsletter as it contains information about teachers and classes for next year. We'll send updates around deployment of learning support assistants in the next newsletter. If you have any questions do speak to your child's current class teacher.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break, with hopefully, lots of sunny days. See you on the 6th June!



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Outstanding**





Football

Galmpton has had a very successful Spring term with their football. The Year 5/6 boys and the Year 3/4 mixed team managed to win the Brixham Schools League. Alongside Year 5/6 girls who took part in their first ever matches within the League. They came second by 1 point! All children who took part within the League matches showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented Galmpton's character values throughout.



Y1 trip to Brixham



This half term, Year 1 took a trip to Brixham. We visited the Lifeboat Station where we saw the inshore boat and met the new Coxswain! We then walked around the Harbour where we were invited into the Fish Quay. We learnt all about the different trawlers and what happens to the fish once they land at Brixham. Most of us loved seeing and touching the different types of fish but some of us really didn't like the smell!



National Trust

During the Spring/Summer term our Y2 children have really enjoyed spending some time at Greenway House. They've been busy planting sunflower seeds and vegetables and taking part in other gardening activities.

The children have enjoyed developing their nature skills and spending time outdoors in the beautiful grounds of Greenway.



Greenway House



Last month Y4 spent three brilliant days at Hill House in Somerset. We did lots of activities to develop team work and character. We enjoyed survival skills where we were taught how to light fires and filter dirty water. We all managed to escape the escape rooms by working as a team and solving problems together. We also had to take responsibility for our own belongings, making our beds, packing our bags and even washing up our dishes! We finished our residential with a trip to the tuck shop and a silent disco.



Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Source: <https://hipal.app/about/privacy.html>

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Year 6

ParentPay Accounts

We would like to highlight the importance of ensuring your accounts are at nil balance at the end of the academic year. Any refunds due cannot be carried out until September. Therefore, we would be grateful if your child finishes on 24th July with a nil balance. Many thanks in advance.

Attendance data for the period 6/9/23 - 17/5/24
(Target is 97%)

Whole School	95.42%
Reception	94.08%
Year 1	94.36%
Year 2	97.42%
Year 3	94.53%
Year 4	96.06%
Year 5	95.59%
Year 6	95.25%

Well done Year 2 you are our half term attendance superstars, keep it up!

Classes and Teachers for academic year 2024/2025

EYFS	Mrs Page (3 days) Deputy headteacher/KS1 lead and Karen Hooper (2 days)
Year 1	Miss Sharman
Year 2	Mr Johansen
Year 3	Mr D'Cruz
Year 4	Mr Hicks (KS2 lead)
Year 5	Mr Riden
Year 6	Mrs Smith



Y6 were given the fantastic experience of attending a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experience at Britannia Royal Naval College this term. They enjoyed every minute; flying drones, coding electronic devices, building circuits and making effective mini-propellers for a prototype air-craft carrier. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and we have been invited back next year!



Galmpton Primary School

Calendar Dates

Mon 10th June	Whole School First Aid Training
Mon 10th Jun-Fri 14th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
Fri 14th June	Y2 Leading Worship
Fri 14th June	PTA meeting after school (staff room)
Fri 21st June	FROGS Summer Fayre 2pm-5pm
Tues 25th June	New Parent meeting 2pm (YR 2024)
Fri 28th June	Y1 Leading Worship
Mon 1st July	Whole School Photo (Tempest)
Tues 2nd July	Teddy Bears picnic (YR 2024) 10.30am
Wed 3rd July	Y6 Civic Award Presentation
Thurs 4th July & Fri 5th July	Y6 Secondary Transition days
Fri 5th, Mon 8th & Fri 12th July	Y6 Sailing (info to follow)
Tues 9th July	School Sports Day (info to follow)
Thurs 11th July	End of Year Reports (by email)
Thurs 11th July	Meet your child's new Teacher 3.30pm or 4pm
Mon 15th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 17th July	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm (hall)
Thurs 18th July	Y6 Leavers Party
Fri 19th July	Y6 Barn Chapel Service 2.30pm
Mon 22nd July	Y6 Performance, 6pm
Wed 24th July	Y6 Leavers Service (time TBC) & Last day of Summer Term

Thurs 25th July—Fri 6th September Summer Holidays & Non -

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